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## GYMNASTS AND CHEERLEADERS TO COMPETE IN TWO COMPETITIONS AT THE KENTUCKY EXPOSITION CENTER

**LOUISVILLE, KY (December 5, 2014)** – Thousands of cheerleaders and gymnasts will compete in two separate events Saturday, December 13 - Sunday, December 14 at the Kentucky Exposition Center. The *Shawn Johnson Signature Series Louisville Holiday Classic* and *The World Spirit Federation's All Star Cheer and Dance* will feature simultaneous artistic gymnastics and cheerleading competition.

Named after its celebrity host, the *Shawn Johnson Signature Series Louisville Holiday Classic* is the first meet in the nation's only team gymnastics competition series. Each qualifying meet will feature competition for levels 1-10 with the opportunity for teams level 6-10 to advance to the Team Championship.

Johnson, who won both gold and silver medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics before going on to win season eight of ABC's Dancing with the Stars will attend both days and be available for autographs following each award ceremony.

Held in Broadbent Arena, the competition runs Saturday, 9:15 a.m. – 8:45 p.m. and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Admission is \$15 for adults (ages 13+) for a one-day pass, \$25 for adults for a two-day pass, \$10 for children (ages 6-12) for a one-day pass and \$15 for children for a two-day pass. Children five and under are free. For more information, visit <a href="http://www.shawnjohnsonseries.com">http://www.shawnjohnsonseries.com</a>.

In addition, the *World Spirit Federation's All Star Cheer and Dance Championship is* one of the largest and most innovative competitions of its kind in the country, with more than 20,000 attendees and 500 teams expected at the two-day event. Teams are vying to qualify for World Championship and Summit bids, the two largest cheerleading competitions in the country.

Competition runs 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. each day in the East Hall, North Wing, South Wing A and Freedom Hall. Tickets are \$20 for adults for a one-day pass, \$35 for adults for a two-day pass, \$15 for children (ages 6-11), seniors (ages 65 and up) and military for a one-day pass and \$25 for children, seniors and military for a two-day pass. Children five and under are free. For more information visit <a href="http://www.wsfcheer.com">http://www.wsfcheer.com</a>.

Parking at the Kentucky Exposition is \$8 per vehicle and \$20 per bus.

## About the Kentucky Exposition Center

One of the top 10 largest public facilities of its kind in the United States, the Kentucky Exposition Center features 1.2 million square feet of indoor space and accommodates a wide variety of events year round. The expo center is the permanent home for the Kentucky State Fair, the National Farm Machinery Show, and the North American International Livestock Exposition. Located adjacent to the Louisville International Airport and near the junction of three major interstates, the Kentucky Exposition Center is easily accessible and just five minutes south of downtown Louisville. For more information, visit www.kyexpo.org. Also like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/kyexpocenter and follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/kyexpocenter.